



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world." ~ William Shakespeare

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CASA Child Advocates - Applications due Jan. 9

Court Appointed Special Advocates are critically needed to change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. Volunteers monitor the child's health and education, assist with identifying the child's best interests, and submit recommendations to the court. The waiting list keeps growing - now over 70 children involved in the court system due to abuse and neglect are waiting for a caring adult! No special skills needed; training and support are provided. Applications are due Jan. 9 for the training which will be Jan. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and Feb. 1. Training times are Fri. from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per month. Reliable transportation and daytime flexibility are necessary. Minimum age is 21. Contact Kelli Shannon at (812) 333-2272 ext. 11 or kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer.shtml)

PALS Volunteer Training - Jan. 10

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) offers regular trainings for new volunteers interested in becoming involved in PALS therapeutic riding. The next training will be from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 10. Volunteers help children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses. Responsibilities include leading horses and side-walking riders during lessons. Volunteers also groom, saddle, train, care for horses and help with barn chores. A commitment of three to four hours per week is requested, usually between 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Mon. through Thurs. Volunteers must attend a training and be over age 16, but no horse experience is necessary. Please contact Jennylynn Vidas at (812) 336-2798 ext. 15 or jennylynn@palstherapy.org. (www.palstherapy.org/volunteer)

Site Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity

In an effort to serve more families, Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County now offers building opportunities on Wed., Thurs., and Fri. in addition to their traditional Saturday builds. Bring yourself, your family, your friends, your faith community, or your business out to swing a hammer and build someone's new life story! Minimum age is 16. Please contact Emily Richardson-Rossbach at (812) 331-4069 ext. 202 or volunteers@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org)

Hoosier Hills Food Bank - Jan. 19

Things will be hopping at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank on Jan. 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day! The Food Bank invites you to be one of their 300 MLK Day volunteers, and will offer four short volunteer shifts (9:30-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m.) Volunteers will assist with packing boxes of food for senior citizens, sort through produce, or repackage prepared food through the Meal Share program, among other things. Minimum age is 17; 8 if with an adult. Please contact Ryan Jochim at (812) 334-8374 or volunteer@hhfoodbank.org. (www.hhfoodbank.org)

Health and Recovery Fair - Jan. 19

Volunteers are encouraged to join the Recovery Engagement Center for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 'Health and Recovery Fair', which will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 19. There are multiple volunteer opportunities available to assist the recovery community as they work to achieve optimal health and wellness, including greeting visitors and assisting with paperwork. Volunteers who are unfamiliar with recovery will have a glimpse of this special form of activism and service. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jody Chatelain for more information at (812) 337-2424 or jody.chatelain@centerstone.org. (www.v-recover.com)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Bloomington Developmental Learning Center:

A multi-cultural, nonprofit child care center that encourages each child to develop his or her own potential. To grant a wish, contact Deb Murzyn at (812) 336-6600 or director@bdlc.org. (1807 S. Highland Ave.; www.bdlc.org)

Wishes: crayons, markers, child-size work table, construction paper, area rug for classroom, carpeting, large floor mats, CD players, digital cameras, playground shovels, unbreakable mirrors, pails, trucks

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

